

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please make the amendment to the specification under 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b)(1) that is indicated below.

- 1. Please replace the first paragraph of the “SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION” (page 10, lines 19 to 22 of the application as filed) with the replacement paragraph that has been amended as indicated in the marked-up and clean versions below.**

a. REPLACEMENT PARAGRAPH, MARKED-UP VERSION

According to a first aspect of the invention there is provided a biologically pure bacterial culture of *M. elsdenii* having substantially the same 16S ribosomal RNA sequence as that of the *M. elsdenii* strain deposited at NCIMB, Aberdeen, Scotland, UK under number NCIMB 41125. All restrictions imposed by the depositor on the availability to the public of the deposited material will be irrevocably removed upon the granting of the patent.

b. REPLACEMENT PARAGRAPH, CLEAN VERSION

According to a first aspect of the invention there is provided a biologically pure bacterial culture of *M. elsdenii* having substantially the same 16S ribosomal RNA sequence as that of the *M. elsdenii* strain deposited at NCIMB, Aberdeen, Scotland, UK under number NCIMB 41125. All restrictions imposed by the depositor on the availability to the public of the deposited material will be irrevocably removed upon the granting of the patent.